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THESE SURVEYS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

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JULY CROP REPORT

The **Illinois wheat yield for the 2008 crop** is estimated to average 66 bushels per acre based on the July 1 surveys, down two bushels per acre from the June forecast. Total production would be 76.6 million bushels, 51 percent above the 2007 production. Acreage expected to be harvested for grain is 1.16 million, 30 percent more harvested acres than in 2007. As of July 6, 55 percent of the wheat acres were harvested, compared to 91 percent last year and the five-year average of 90 percent.

Production of oats in Illinois for 2008 is estimated at 2.31 million bushels, 42 percent above 2007. Acreage to be harvested for grain, at 30 thousand, is 25 percent above last year's acreage. The yield is estimated at 77 bushels per acre, nine bushels above last year's yield. As of July 6, two percent of the crop was harvested compared to 11 percent for last year and nine percent for the five-year average.

The **Illinois peach crop for 2008** is estimated at 10,800 tons. This year's production is up dramatically due to the "Easter Freeze" in 2007 which affected a majority of crops in the mid-west and did not spare many peaches in Illinois last year.

(U.S. crop production on next page.)

ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

Crop	Illinois		United States	
	2007	2008	2007	2008
Acreage and production in thousands				
<u>Winter Wheat</u>				
Acres 1/	890	1,160	35,952	40,252
Yield, bu.	57.0	66.0	42.2	46.3
Production	50,730	76,560	1,515,989	1,864,245
<u>Oats, Grain</u>				
Acres 1/	24	30	1,505	1,443
Yield, bu.	68.0	77.0	60.9	64.4
Production	1,632	2,310	91,599	92,872
<u>Potatoes</u>				
<u>(Summer)</u>				
Acres 1/	6.1	4.2	51.3	45.5
Yield, cwt.	400	395	332	321
Production	2,440	1,659	17,032	14,627
<u>Peaches 2/</u>				
Production	100	10,800	1,128,740	1,097,150

1/ Harvested acres.

2/ Production in tons.

WINTER WHEAT, 2007-2008

District	Acres planted		Acres for harvest		Yield		Production	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	1,000 acres		1,000 acres		Bushels		1,000 bushels	
Northwest	42	49	39	44	72	76	2,808.0	3,344
Northeast	47	71	40	64	67	63	2,680.0	4,032
West	65	76	63	71	65	62	4,095.0	4,402
Central	42	46	39	44	60	72	2,340.0	3,168
East	73	84	50	78	60	81	3,000.2	6,318
West Southwest	146	155	142	153	59	63	8,378.0	9,639
East Southeast	178	218	163	215	60	65	9,779.8	13,975
Southwest	275	325	253	317	49	65	12,397.0	20,546
Southeast	132	176	101	174	52	64	5,252.0	11,136
ILLINOIS	1,000	1,200	890	1,160	57	66	50,730.0	76,560

JULY CROP REPORT - Continued

U.S. CROP PRODUCTION

Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.86 billion bushels. This is up three percent from last month and 23 percent above 2007. The U.S. yield is forecast at 46.3 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from last month and 4.1 bushels from last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain totals 40.3 million acres, unchanged from the Acreage report released on June 30, 2008 but up 12 percent from last year. Hard Red Winter, at 1.04 billion bushels, is up one percent from a month ago. Soft Red Winter, at 607 million bushels, is up six percent from the last forecast. White Winter is up one percent from last month and now totals 218 million bushels. Of this total, 23.3 million bushels are Hard White and 194 million bushels are Soft White. Harvest progress in the 18 major producing states was 36 percent complete as of June 29. This was the same as last year's progress but 12 points behind the five-year average.

Yield forecasts are equal to or higher than the previous month in all states in the Soft Red Winter growing area except Illinois and Missouri. Elsewhere, harvest progress was close to the normal pace in most states in the southern portion of the growing area. In Missouri, heavy rains during the last part of June caused some lodging and reduced grain quality in the southwestern part of the state. Wheat yield forecasts in the Pacific Northwest are at or below the previous month. Wheat in Idaho and Oregon was starting to turn color. Crop development was behind the five-year average in these areas.

Harvest progress was behind normal in all Hard Red Winter states except Oklahoma and Texas. Heavy rains during June in Kansas slowed harvest progress, which stood at 36 percent complete on June 29. In Nebraska, heavy rains and below normal temperatures during June slowed crop development to behind the normal pace. Disease problems were a concern in Nebraska and Kansas because of the continued rainfall. Crop development was also behind last year and the five-year average in Montana.

SOYBEANS: PERCENT OF ACREAGE PLANTED FOLLOWING ANOTHER CROP 1/

State	2005	2006	2007	2008
Alabama	8	6	10	48
Arkansas	4	6	23	27
Delaware	41	25	50	47
Florida	29	2/	71	2
Georgia	51	69	77	61
ILLINOIS	3	6	6	9
Indiana	1	3	4	4
Kansas	2/	11	15	17
Kentucky	29	21	26	36
Louisiana	9	14	22	24
Maryland	27	32	47	47
Mississippi	1	4	14	13
Missouri	7	11	13	12
New Jersey	31	38	27	22
N. Carolina	32	30	38	47
Ohio	1	2/	1	2/
Oklahoma	3	20	64	58
Pennsylvania	4	11	19	8
S. Carolina	37	29	36	52
Tennessee	15	20	31	40
Texas	4	2/	2/	2/
Virginia	7	25	44	56
W. Virginia	9	2/	4	2/
U.S.	4	5	8	9

1/ Data as obtained from area frame samples. These data do not represent official estimates but provide raw data as obtained from survey respondents. The purpose of these data is to portray trends in production practices.

2/ Data rounds to less than 0.5 percent.

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION

In Illinois, the average number of layers on hand was up ten percent in March, 14 percent in April, and ten percent in May compared to those same months last year. The number of eggs produced increased 12 percent in March, 17 percent in April, and 11 percent in May compared to the same time last year.

In the United States, the average number of layers on hand compared to a year ago was down two percent for March and down one percent for both April and May. The number of eggs produced decreased two percent for March and one percent for both April and May.

LAYERS & EGG PRODUCTION, ILLINOIS & UNITED STATES, MARCH-MAY 2008

	Illinois					
	March		April		May 1/	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	4,846	5,316	4,740	5,393	4,873	5,381
Eggs produced (million)	111	124	100	117	107	119
	United States					
	March		April		May	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
Average Number of Layers on hand (thousand)	348,201	341,906	345,578	341,203	342,469	340,319
Eggs produced (million)	7,806	7,673	7,472	7,381	7,622	7,574

1/ Preliminary.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

The June index of prices received by Illinois farmers for all commodities was 215 percent of the base, up 27 points from the revised May figure and 77 points above June 2007. The current year's base was computed by multiplying the average production for the five-year period by the average price for each year. These five years were summed and then divided by five to arrive at an average (base) for the period. The current five-year average production was then multiplied by the current price and divided by the average for the five years to arrive at the current index. The June All Crops index, at 242 percent of the base, was up 34 points from the revised May number and 97 points above June 2007. Crop prices increased for all commodities except for hay. The All Livestock index was at 115 percent of the base, down two points from the revised May number but one point above June 2007. Prices for sows, cows, and all milk increased while all other commodities either remained steady or decreased. The hog-corn ratio was at 8.4.

The U.S. preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in June, at 162 percent, based on 1990-92=100, increased 11 points from May. The Crop Index was up 19 points and the Livestock Index increased three points. Producers received higher prices for corn, soybeans, milk, and lettuce and lower prices for strawberries, cantaloupes, and wheat. In addition to prices, the overall index was also affected by the seasonal change based on a three-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of wheat, hay, grapes, and cantaloupes offset decreased marketings of tomatoes, oranges, strawberries, and sweet corn.

INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS

Commodity	May 2007	June 2007	May 2008	June 15, 2008
ILLINOIS		2001-2005=100	2002-2006=100	
All Farm Products	133	138	188 *	215
All Crops	139	145	208 *	242
Food grains	141	168	250 *	278
Feed grains/hay	155	161	224 *	265
Soybeans	117	122	182 *	207
All Livestock	112	114	117 *	115
Meat animals	109	109	114 *	110
Dairy products	126	143	132 *	141
UNITED STATES		1990-92=100		
All Farm Products	136	137	151 *	162
All Crops	140	141	171 *	190
Food grains	160	168	283 *	276
Feed grains/hay	158	159	227 *	250
Oilseeds	128	135	217 *	243
All Livestock	132	134	134 *	137
Meat animals	124	121	123 *	123
Dairy products	138	155	141 *	149
Prices Paid	161	161	186 *	189
Parity Ratio 1/	84	85	81 *	86

1/ Prices received index divided by prices paid index.

* Revised.



PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS 1/

Commodity	Unit	Illinois				United States			
		May 2007	June 2007	May 2008	June 15, 2008	May 2007	June 2007	May 2008	June 15, 2008
		Dollars							
Corn	Bushels	3.52	3.64	5.25 *	6.25	3.49	3.53	5.28 *	6.12
Soybeans	Bushels	7.27	7.64	11.80 *	13.50	7.12	7.51	12.10 *	13.50
Sorghum	Cwt.	6.50	6.82	9.64 *	10.50	6.49	6.11	9.32 *	11.70
Wheat, all	Bushels	4.34	4.92	8.34 *	8.60	4.88	5.03	8.87 *	8.28
Oats	Bushels	3/	3/	3/	3/	2.49	2.54	3.63 *	3.64
Hay, all baled	Tons	106.00	103.00	157.00	150.00	138.00	131.00	166.00 *	161.00
Alfalfa hay, bld	Tons	110.00	113.00	162.00	164.00	145.00	137.00	177.00 *	172.00
Other hay, bld	Tons	84.00	87.00	126.00	121.00	115.00	111.00	134.00 *	130.00
Hogs, all	Cwt.	50.40	52.40	54.80 *	52.60	53.10	54.30	55.30 *	53.60
Barrows, Gilts	Cwt.	52.00	53.80	57.50 *	55.00	53.90	55.10	56.60 *	54.70
Sows	Cwt.	32.50	36.00	23.50 *	25.00	34.10	37.40	25.10 *	27.50
Beef cattle	Cwt.	97.10	90.20	94.20 *	94.20	92.80	88.80	91.10 *	91.60
Cows	Cwt.	54.00	52.00	56.00 *	57.00	51.70	50.10	53.90 *	53.80
Steers, Heifers	Cwt.	98.00	91.00	95.00 *	95.00	98.10	93.20	95.90 *	95.90
Calves	Cwt.	117.00	111.00	109.00 *	108.00	124.00	124.00	119.00 *	120.00
Milk cows	Head	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/
Milk, all	Cwt.	18.70	20.90	19.40 *	20.00	18.00	20.20	18.40 *	19.40
Milk, fluid	Cwt.	18.70	20.90	19.40	3/	18.00	20.20	18.40 *	19.40
Milk, mfg.	Cwt.	18.20	20.50	19.40	3/	17.60	19.80	18.70 *	19.50
Hog-corn ratio		14.3	14.4	10.4 *	8.4	15.2	15.4	10.5 *	8.8

1/ Prices received represents the average of all grades or classes at point of first sale and should not be confused with market quotations.

2/ Estimated in January, April, July and October.

3/ State prices not published.

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AGRICULTURAL EXPORT SHARES

AGRICULTURAL EXPORT SHARES, ILLINOIS AND UNITED STATES, 2005-2007 1/

	Illinois			United States		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	Million dollars					
Feed grains and products	966.3	1,368.1	1,894.9	6,898.0	8,594.1	11,847.7
Soybeans and products	1,263.2	1,247.4	1,494.8	8,805.8	8,244.3	11,027.2
Live animals and meat	333.8	365.6	404.9	4,922.7	5,832.2	6,787.0
Wheat and products	114.6	195.5	209.6	5,880.0	6,140.8	8,457.7
Feeds and fodders	66.3	77.8	72.4	2,210.6	2,493.2	2,886.1
Hides and skins	52.6	56.9	56.1	1,748.1	1,978.2	2,159.3
Seeds	7.1	8.4	7.1	916.3	870.7	936.3
Fats, oil and greases	17.4	15.7	25.4	479.4	477.8	749.1
Vegetables	22.9	25.2	25.7	3,631.9	3,908.6	4,296.7
Other 2/	401.8	447.0	503.2	8,963.9	10,005.8	11,033.5
Total	3,288.6	3,847.3	4,719.5	62,516.3	68,592.7	81,947.1

1/ Fiscal year ending September 30.

2/ Other = Sugar and tropical products, minor oilseeds, essential oils, beverages other than juice, nursery and greenhouse, wine, and misc. vegetable products.

Source: Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States, ERS, USDA <http://www.ers.usda.gov/data/FATUS/>

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